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SUBJECT: W/ W: AUGUST MCCORMICK LEHMAN, JR.

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1. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS LEHMAN CASE. ASSUME GOP OFFICIAL SHAVE NOT DISCUSSED CASE WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS OR LEGATT SINCE DEC. 21 MEETING OF DCM WITH COLLANTES, AND THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE NOT SEEN LEHMAN SINCE JANUARY 2 INTERVIEW REPORTED REFTEL.

2. DESPITE UNUSUAL FEATURES OF CASE, PROTRACTED DETENTION OF LEHMAN WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGES HAVING BEEN PLACED AGAINST HIM IS SITUATION USG CANNOT ACCEPT WITHOUT SOME PROTEST OR INQUIRY ON HIS BEHALF. LEHMAN'S DETENTION HAS NOW LASTED SIX MONTHS. ACTUAL PLACE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF DETENTION PRESUMABLY STILL NOT KNOWN AND CONSULAR ACCESS HAS BEEN LIMITED TO TWO MEETINGS ELSEWHERE. SO LONG AS NO END IN SIGHT, INVOLVING EITHER PLACING OF CHARGES AGAINST LEHMAN OR HIS RELEASE, USG INCREASINGLY OPEN TO CRITICISM
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THAT IT IS NOT SECURING FAIR TREATMENT FOR HIM.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY' S RECOMMENDATION AS TO NEXT
STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF GOP INTENTIONS AS BEST WE
KNOW THEM. ROGERS

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